நம் எல்லோருக்கும் தெரியும். சர்க்கார் கொடுத்திருக்கக்கூடிய புள்ளி விவரங்களில் மதுவிலக்குக் குற்றம் செய்தவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கை மிக அதிகமாக இருப்பதால் மதுவிலக்குச் சட்டம் நம் ராஜ்யத்தில் வெற்றிகரமாக அமுல் நடத்தபடவில்லையென்பது தெரிகிறது. ஆகவே இந்த ராஜ்யத்திலும் ராமமூர்த்தி கமிட்டியைப்போல ஒரு கமிட்டியைப் போட்டு அந்தச் சட்டத்தைத் தளர்த்த முயலுவார்களா? அல்லது அந்தச் சட்டத்தையே அபாலிஷ் பண்ணுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" ஆந்திராவில் நியமிக்கப்பட்ட ராமமூர்த்தி கமிட்டியைப்போல இங்கும் ஒரு கமிட்டியை ஏற்படுத்தி இதனைப் பரிசீலிக்கும் உத்தேசம் சர்க்காருக்கு இல்லை. சர்க்கார் அகர்வாலா கமிட்டியின் ரிப்போட்டைத் தான் எதிர்பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over. On the point raised by the hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Sri Kalyanasundaram, ruling will be given to-morrow."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Before that, some of us also want to express our views so that there need not be any necessity for arriving at a final decision."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No discussion on that point is necessary now.

" The hon. Member Sri Gopalan has given notice of a motion under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules. He will now explain the point involved in the motion."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" நான் rule 40-ன் கீழ் ஒரு பிரேரணையை நோட்டீஸ் கொடுத்திருந்தேன். அதற்கு கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களும் பதிலுடன் தயாராயிருக்கிறார்கள் என்றும் சொன்னேன். அதை இன்றைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்வதாகத் தாங்களும் சொன்னீர்கள். அது என்ன ஆயிற்று என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member represented to me that the Hon. Minister was ready with information in regard to the point he proposed to raise. But the Hon. Sri Bhaktavatsalam will not be here to-morrow. So, he wanted the motion of the hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan to be taken up to-day."

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* ATTACK ON PROCESSION OF HOTEL WORKERS IN THE CITY OF MADRAS.

* SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the motion I have given notice of is to call the attention of the Minister for Labour to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the police to give protection to the peaceful procession of hotel workers in the City of Madras from the attack of goondas organized and led by the proprietor of Murali Cafe, Triplicane, Madras, on 24th February 1955.

" The main issue involved in this case is this. The workers have got a right to take out peaceful processions. It is the duty of the police to protect the workers while they take such peaceful

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processions. Especially in Madras City whenever the hotel workers raise their demands, the police people unnecessarily interfere and there are so many cases of arrests."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member should refer only to the particular incident. He should not generalise cases and then raise a general debate on the conduct of the police. After all, the Police Demand is coming up for discussion to-day. Therefore, the hon. Member should refer now only to the particular incident he has mentioned in the motion."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I am referring to the policy which has led to the police not giving protection . . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of policy involved in this case."

* SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" It is the duty of the police to see that peaceful processions are allowed. If in Madras City peaceful processions are not allowed, it infringes upon the rights of workers to organize processions and it is also detrimental to the normal trade union activities of the workers. As far as this particular incident is concerned, the workers received injuries and they were treated in the Government General Hospital. In order to avert such incidents in future and also to bring this to the notice of the Hon. Minister concerned and the Government, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister and request him to make a statement on the incident."

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I suppose that there is no motion moved." 9-30 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is a slip of the tongue."

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" But the hon. Member has repeated it twice.

" I would like to make the following statement with reference to the incident referred to by the hon. Member.

" The proprietor of Triplicane Cafe situated in Pycrofts Road, Triplicane, Madras, dismissed one of the workers on the 26th January last and two others on the 21st of February last. The proprietor of Murali Cafe, situated in the same road, dismissed one of his workers named Ramakrishnan on the 24th of February.

" All the four dismissed workers are members of the Madras Hotel Workers' Association. This Association took up the cause of the dismissed workers. At about 9-15 p.m. on 24th February 1955, a procession of about 100 hotel workers started from Star Talkies and went to Pycrofts Road. The processionists stopped

in front of the Triplicane Cafe and shouted criticising the action of the proprietor of that cafe in having dismissed some of his workers. There was no response from the proprietor.

" After this, the processionists moved towards Murali Cafe. They stood in front of the cafe and here also they shouted in criticism of the action of the proprietor in having dismissed Ramakrishnan. The proprietor of this cafe rushed towards the processionists and challenged them. As the processionists continued their demonstration, the proprietor and two other persons caught hold of a few bottles of aerated water and dashed them in the midst of the processionists. The proprietor is also alleged to have snatched the flag carried by one of the processionists. The bottles burst open and seven hotel workers in the procession sustained simple injuries.

" Shortly afterwards, Ramakrishnan telephoned to the Police Control Room about the incident. Immediately, a police party went to the spot and prevented further troubles. The injured persons were taken to the Royapetta Hospital for treatment. Sufficient escort was also provided for the processionists until they dispersed.

" A case under section 324, Indian Penal Code (wantonly causing hurt with dangerous weapons) has been registered against the proprietor of Murali Cafe and one of his workers.

" The Hotel Workers' Association took out this procession all on a sudden and without any notice to the police. Hence no policemen were deputed to follow the procession. However, on shouts being heard when they started from the Star Talkies, a police constable was sent to that place from Triplicane Police station to find out details. He found that the procession was moving towards Pycrofts Road which is under the jurisdiction of the Ice House Police station. The incident in front of the Murali Cafe occurred before the police constable could reach the Triplicane Police station and telephone to the Ice House Police station."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" On a point of information, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This is not the time to ask for information. Now we shall resume discussion on Demand XXXII—Community Development Projects."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I want to make a personal explanation."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can do it to-morrow.

" Now we shall continue the discussion on the Demand moved by the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture yesterday."